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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1907.

A Vision and a Movement.

An interesting secret was disclosed at the Y. M. C. A. banquet Saturday night. It leaked out in the course of the inspiring speeches that President Hawkins and Secretary McKee had a vision two years before the January movement began. They saw with their minds' eyes, they dreamed and planned two years in advance of the famous campaign.

But this is no strange thing. It is the history of all great movements. Somebody sees a vision before the thing comes to pass. In all ages the dreamers, the idealists, have been the world's greatest leaders and benefactors.

This great movement, which has stirred Richmond and aroused the spirit of righteous enterprise and of enterprising righteousness, did not come at haphazard. It was the fulfillment of a righteous dream. It was inspired.

It was God's way in the past to reveal himself to His servants in a dream, and in a dream to commission them for His divine enterprises. It is God's way now. This movement was not for the Y. M. C. A. alone. It was a general revival of civic righteousness in this community, and instead of ending with the accomplishment of its immediate object, it has just begun. The human and many forces that have been assembled and put into action will be a continuing and progressive agency for the development of Richmond and the promotion of her welfare in all directions. The movement has been a revelation. We are richer in manliness and many talents than we know. Richmond has discovered her richest asset. The ship has at last found herself, and is now prepared for any voyage upon the sea of enterprise.

Cut "The Clansman" Out.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir,—The writer is at his home sick, where he has been near four weeks. However, he reads The Times-Dispatch closely every day. Sick or well, he loves and appreciates any good thing at sight. It is the habit of your faithful reader to first read the paper's editorials. To-day (Sunday) I was greatly pleased to notice a most timely, thoughtful, vigorous article—"Cut 'The Clansman' Out." I most heartily say amen to every word and paragraph in the editor's remarks. Surely the one exhibition it has already had in its quiet enough for the exciting, sensational stuff that is presented for no earthly object save money-making—the vicious greed and utter selfishness that prompts the acquisition of money.

This hideous thing adds nothing to the literary fame, the well-established reputation, of Mr. Dixon, who has often shown his splendid abilities as independent editor of "The Clansman." Yes, by all means "Cut 'The Clansman' Out," don't let the horrible, realistic monstrosity—almost rivaling the Thaw trial—appear again in dear, noble old Richmond. Our grand and historic city really should have been the first to condemn and prohibit its presentation. Let our most worthy Mayor forbid the further presentation. He cannot thus go amiss, backed by the best intentions for the common decency and welfare, and the general reputation of the Capital of the Old Dominion. All his friends, at least—and they are numerous—will approve of such action. Every good citizen will commend and rewardingly remember him for exercising his authority and judgment when he "Cut 'The Clansman' Out" from Richmond.

C. A. R.
Richmond, Va., Feb. 17, 1907.

A prominent real estate dealer of Richmond expressed much the same view in conversation on this subject yesterday. He said that his business brought him into contact with many negroes, and he expressed the opinion that we had as good a class of negroes in Richmond as live in the world. He did not see why we should allow a play to be produced here which is sure to give them offense and stir up strife between the races.

There is no answer to that argument. The negroes of Richmond as a race are orderly, gentle and law-abiding. Their relationship with the whites is friendly, and we ought to let them understand that so long as they conduct themselves as good citizens their feelings will be respected. There is no trouble between the races here. Nobody ever thinks of a riot in this city. Why, then, should we let Dixon come in and throw a firebrand? We ought to serve notice on him to keep out.

The Bachelor Tax.

The anti-bachelor movement, which has been a subject for academic discussion from time immemorial, really seems to be making some headway at last. Six States are already definitely planning a tax upon the single gentlemen, and the matter is up for discussion in several others. Unless the signs fail, a certain

amount of expense will hereafter, in some portions of the country, attach to selfish celibacy.

Penalties upon bachelorhood were not unknown in the ancient world, but have rather dropped into abeyance with the progress of civilization. The Argentine Republic, however, maintains a law exacting no less than \$5 a month from bachelors under thirty, and more than that from the older ones. This is a far higher scale than any of those now being considered in this country. The proposed law in Iowa, which is the most grasping yet advanced, reaches a maximum of only \$30 a year.

Rehearsing these facts the New York World calls attention to an interesting distinction in the way in which the movement against the unmarried men is received by the ladies:

"It is notable that while the splinters of Wakenfield, Mass., pray to the General Court for a graduated tax on bachelors up to forty years, chloroform to be substituted for assessments after that age, the young women of Charleston, W. Va., respectfully ask the State Legislature to let the celibates alone. 'Just leave them to us' is in effect the word of the fair Southern contingent."

Probably Southern sentiment would be against placing a tax on bachelors, but that remains to be seen. Matrimony, at any rate, no doubt, requires less artificial stimulus here than in New England. The path of the legislator, however, is beset with dangers. Texas, for example, fears that the proposed tax might drive her 100,000 bachelors into unhappy marriages. Which is better—100,000 happy bachelors and no tax, or a paltry revenue and 100,000 miserable benighted?

Probably this anxiety is groundless, however. The tax may swell State incomes, but hardly by way of the marriage license. Men who do not marry for love might, it is true, marry for economy. But he must be a close calculator indeed who figures that he can support a wife on less, say, than \$20 a year.

The Cost of Disease.

Dr. Darlington, chief health officer of New York, says that the loss every year to the United States by the white plague is \$213,000,000, yet consumption is a preventable disease.

"What are we going to do about it?" he asks, and the question comes home to every one of us. Think of the number of men and women who have been taken off from Richmond by this disease. Think of the number of our citizens who are now quarantined in the West on account of consumption. In one of the towns of Arizona there is a Richmond colony. The members of it are all more or less afflicted with tuberculosis, and they must stay there or die. It is pitiful, and the cost of their banishment is enormous.

They caught the disease in Richmond, and every other inhabitant is liable to catch it. It is in the air, yet we go about our business without giving it a thought, because the germs are not seen. It is strange that intelligent men and women can be so indifferent to so great a danger.

The California-Japan trouble seems to have been amicably adjusted and war is averted. All hands are doubtless highly pleased with the result. The President undertakes to keep the Japanese laborers out of California on condition that Japanese pupils will be admitted to the white schools. "And he is right, and they are right, and all is right as right as right can be."

And war is averted. The President is a great conservator of the peace.

If Senator Foraker's witnesses are to be believed, some of the white men of Brownsville shot their own town, fired at women and children, killed one of their citizens and wounded their sheriff; yet no action has been taken against the rioters by the Brownsville authorities. This is the most absurd story a credulous public has ever been asked to believe.

Mrs. Potter Palmer, according to the Nashville American, has promised to wear only union hats henceforward. It is understood that the makers of union suits are now humping themselves for an equally distinguished advocate.

Two West Virginia legislators have introduced bills respectively placing a tax on all jackasses in the State, and restricting the export of gas. It is really astonishing how some Solons will turn directly against their colleagues.

A Chinaman has been known to kill himself merely to inconvenience a neighbor. This seems to be the line of explanation which some of our colored brothers are advancing in regard to Brownsville.

The Kansas Legislature wants to lower the price of upper berths in Pullmans to \$1.00. How will Mr. Roosevelt regard this deliberate effort on the part of a State to reduce its birth-rate?

Owing to a lockout and strike, no newspapers are being printed at Butte, Mont., just now. The poor people out there are left to guess as best they can how Mrs. Thaw looks this morning.

The British suffragettes seem to be sorely in need of a leader who can catch and fight. For example, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt.

It may be benevolence, and it may be restitution; what is the odds? The point is that the rest of us should now and then get off hooks into the pile.

Probably the chief reason that Europeans have a poor opinion of Americans is that they mistakenly believe that Harry Lehr is one.

The new Shah of Persia has only one wife. Still, she may be the key, as described by the fancy novelist as "a thousand women in one."

In just a day or two now the Senate will show Mr. Smoot whether he stands, or where he lies.

The suspicion is gaining ground that Senator Bailey is secretly the Texas agent of the Annapolis Society.

Mrs. Sage, too, can give away money, now that she understands that that is what money is there for.

The sole difficulty with the average get-rich-quick scheme is that it positively will not make you rich.

This year's groundhog is evidently just a sunny-natured little groundpig.

Also, what kind of hereafter is there for a war-scarred which doesn't scare?

Borrowed Jingles.

DIESTINY.

I know not where, I know not when,
But she and I will meet some day,
Some day our paths will cross again,
Or where or how no one may say.

Soms days—perhaps near other sides—
It may be on the land or sea;
It may be where gray mountains rise
Or where a path winds through a tree.

It may be in some peaceful dell,
Or where a city's traffic flows,
Or when or how no one may tell,
No mummbling, white-haired prophet knows.

It may be when the rivers run,
By frosty banks and barren slopes,
Or when the warm and genial sun
Has given back our fondlest hopes.

It may be ere to-morrow night,
It may not be for many years;
It may be when her laugh is light,
Or when her eyes are wet with tears.

No need may tell me where or when,
No prophet can predict the way,
But she and I will meet some day,
As sure as a night follows day.

I know she has contempt for me,
And I for her have none at all;
Those whom we never wish to see
Are sure to meet us soon or late.

—Chicago Record-Herald.

MERELY JOKING.

Chorus Girl (reading)—What does a-e-e stand for? Other Girl—Xee stands for "horn." "Dorn—how do you mean?" "Well, one might say you are a blonde, see a brunette."—Boston Transcript.

Sufficient Recommendation.
Merchant—Do you want a job as office boy, eh? No previous experience? Boy—No, sir; I don't know how to do anything in an office. Merchant—I guess you'd better do. Boy—I don't even know how to whistle. Merchant—Hang up your hat, Philadelphia Press.

Evolution.
"In the course of ages the real traction octopus had developed." It was a creature between a snake and a lizard, with eight hands. "When this creature traveled in a crowded street car each hand was used in grasping a strap, thus removing most of the weight from its legs."—Chicago Tribune.

No Gentlemen.
The Orator—I believe that the great body of American people are gentlemen. Voice in the Rear—You're wrong. The last census shows that over half of them are ladies. —Troy Budget.

Sarcasm.
Angler—"Hang it! Is there a dry spot in this boat, where I can scratch a match?" Boatman (who has been disappointed as regards refreshments)—"Try my throat, sir!" —Punch.

Wanted to Catch the Ring of It.
M. Z. (at the police station)—"Can I see the man you arrested at my house last night?" Chief Constable—"What right have you to see him for?" M. Z.—"I want to ask him how he managed to get into the house and go up the stairs without waking my wife."—Le Kiro.

POINTS FROM PARAGRAPHERS.

ASKED by a constituent for a copy of the rules and regulations of Congress, Representative Hale forwarded a picture of Uncle Joe. Labelled "This is it," Nashville American.

Thomas A. Edison, the Llewellyn Park wizard, has the front gate to his residence so hung that every one who comes through pumps two buckets of water into a tank on the roof.—Philadelphia Record.

It is with pleasure that one sees a railroad fined \$15,000 for refusing to let a black man sit in the smoking car. But what right has that an ice company got the rebate.—Butte Times.

The editor of the Barber county Index does not mean to mislead any one. Since the pass is no more has taken out the railroad time card and has had some mailmen take care when you see the smoke.—Kansas City Journal.

The fact that the Kaiser has forgiven a youngster for snowballing him should not be presumed upon by German politicians who are aiming at the throne with lemons.—Washington Star.

Doubtless timid Canadians are watching Secretary Root to see that while he is among them he does not draw a hook out of his sleeve and annex Canada.—Chicago News.

President Roosevelt has requested the Mothers' Congress to send a committee to the father in the home. Which may result in the mothers thinking up a few more odd jobs about the house for father.—Washington Post.

COMMENT OF VIRGINIA EDITORS.

A Correspondent's Indiscretion.
In a correspondence from this place, which appeared in The Times-Dispatch of Sunday, the writer spoke of Lawrenceville as "our thrifty little town." The writer is a native of Lawrenceville, and is therefore a thrifty little town. True, Lawrenceville is thrifty, but it is not thrifty in the sense in which the writer meant it. It is thrifty in the sense in which the writer meant it. It is thrifty in the sense in which the writer meant it.

Delinquent Bachelors.
Half a dozen States are wrestling with the proposition of taxing the unmarried out of existence. When the hapless and needy poor fellow is sold for delinquent taxes, and the proceeds will go to the benefit of the State, it is a sacrifice.—Eastern Shore Herald.

A Sympathetic Jury.
The Thaw jury is composed of married men who, of course, have passed through many trials before.—Halifax Record-Advertiser.

Encouraging.
No more favorable news concerning road improvement has come from a county in this section of Virginia than the report a few days since to the effect that Madison county is about to build a new road. The road question, and acted favorably to the extent of voting a five per cent. bond issue of \$25,000 for the purpose. In that particular district—Fredericksburg Free Lance.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Modern needles first came into use in 1545. The first knives were used in England in 1609. The present population of Rio de Janeiro is 800,000.

New York City's expenses for this year will be \$37,000 more a day than they were last year.

There is such a shortage of olive oil in Spain that none is likely to be sent to America this year.

The retirement of Rear-Admiral Sigbee leaves in command of the fleet a few of the higher naval officers who took part in the war with Spain.

Edward Adkins is now speculating in building lots on Staten Island, having bought 150 acres for an agreed price of \$1,000 an acre.

Governor Swannell, of Jamaica, who is sixty-one years of age, was married in the summer of 1905 to Miss Mary Campbell, of Ribblesdale Hall, Staffordshire, England.

This production of alcohol in France during the season of 1905-1906 is estimated at 70,235,317 gallons. Of this great quantity 44 per cent. was industrial alcohol.

There are, altogether, foreign and native, 25,759 persons that are actively engaged in bringing the gospel to India, while ten years ago there were only 16,159—a gain of nearly 60 per cent.

In the eight years of our occupation we have sold the Philippines about \$20,000,000 worth of American products and manufactures. In the years prior to 1905 we sold from \$20,000 to \$30,000 worth a year.

AMUSEMENTS.

Academy—Dark.

3310—The Curse of Drink.

Bostock's—Wild Animal Show.

Idlewood—Shooting Rink.

At the Academy.

On Tuesday evening the patrons of the Academy will have an opportunity to see Lester Longman in Justin Huntly McCarthy's splendid romantic drama, "If I Were King." Mr. Longman will play the character of Francois Villon, the student, poet and housebreaker.

Swinnerton has referred to Villon as "Our mud, bad, glad, sad brother," and in another work has written a beautiful poem and conferred on him the title of "The Prince of Sweet Song."

Arguing will be supported by a company of strolling worthies. He brings the same magnificent production used by E. H. Sothman.

"The Squad Man," with an excellent cast headed by Henry Hunt and the production as given at Wallack's Theatre, New York, for 250 performances, comes to the Academy on Wednesday, matinee and night, under the management of Liebler & Co. This will likely be one of the best performances to be seen here for a long time.

"The Clansman," coming to the Academy on Friday and Saturday, with matinee each day, is the best advertised play in America. "Wills" yielding tribute to the managerial skill involved, one must give the major part of the credit to the commanding interest of its theme, as well as its dramatic strength.

At the Bijou.

Charles E. Blaney will present his latest and best melodrama, "The Curse of Drink," at the Bijou this week. The play is said to be an exceedingly novel and original treatment of the temperance theme, and is filled with features and incidents never used before in a drama of this kind. Scenic effects have been made an important part of the production. These include a railroad scene, which shows a full-sized locomotive running at top speed, and the engine offering an opportunity for a rescue, in which a young fireman saves his sweetheart from what seems certain death on the rails. Another scene is the interior of a tavern, the startling climax of which is a credit to Mr. Blaney's ingenuity as a dramatist.

The love and comedy in the melodrama is said to be one of the best offerings of the season at the Bijou.

Wild Animal Show.

"Daring" Joynt and "Nervy" Gallard begin their second week in Bostock's Wild Animal Arena, with every prospect that the audiences will be even larger than the big throngs at both the daily matinees and the evening exhibitions last week. The acts of these two French animal trainers have been much enjoyed.

Consult the Second, the educated chimpanzee, continues to show marked advancement in his education, and each day new accomplishments added to his manners and habits.

La Belle Aurora makes women and strong men shudder as she dances among the lionesses, and with the electrical effects produced by spot lights, she has an act which is new to all.

The big Russian wrestling and dancing bear, is increasing in his ability, and now whenever he throws his trainer he first puts his shoulders on the mat and then sits on him to hold him down.

At the Hotels.

The military visitors who came to the city to attend the election of brigadier-general, all left for their homes yesterday. Major B. W. Salomonsky, of Norfolk, who went last night, being about the last to depart.

He was at Murphy's Hotel, Colonel William J. Perry, who was at the Westmoreland, also left yesterday afternoon for Staunton.

Among the arrivals at Murphy's Hotel yesterday were John W. Price, of Bristol; Dr. W. B. Bradley, of Norfolk; S. J. James, of Danville; Arthur C. Freeman, of Norfolk; and P. L. Lipscomb, of Ballsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Clapp and Charles E. Clapp, Jr., of Berryville, Va., are at the Jefferson. Other guests there yesterday included John A. Hall of Springfield, Mass.; Henry Clark, of Tidewater, N. C.; and Mr. C. B. Ryan, of Portsmouth, general passenger agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Among the Virginians at the Richmond yesterday were J. M. Umstatter, of Norfolk; James I. Pritchett, Jr., of Danville; C. O. Smith, of Lynchburg; and Willie Hatcher, of Bedford.

MEN ALL PLEASED.

Selection of Shaw as Chief Is Very Popular.

Among all the freemen in the city the election of Chief George C. Shaw, as chief, to succeed the late W. G. Puller, meets with the greatest approval. Captain Shaw has been with the department for a number of years, and was always the head officer in the absence of the chief. The freemen have confidence in his ability.

The new chief assumed charge at once, and the department will move along as it has in the past. The same rule and regulations will govern the men. No changes are predicted.

NEGROES ANGRY WITH PRES. ELIOT.

Clergyman Says Utterances on Negro Question Is "Subtle, But Deadly Poison."

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BOSTON, MASS., February 17.—Negro leaders of Boston are bitterly angry over President Eliot's utterances in favor of the segregation of negroes, particularly in educational institutions, when their numbers are large.

Opinion seems to be general among the more influential negroes that President Eliot's remarks were ill-timed and reactionary, tending to increase rather than diminish the feeling on race prejudice, which at this time is especially active throughout the country on account of the Brownsville affair.

Rev. Reverdy Crisp, of the Charles Street M. E. church, who had some trouble himself a few months ago in the South, called the Eliot remarks "a subtle but deadly poison."

The exception to Assistant United States Attorney William H. Lewis, Harvard graduate, who says: "It is a question which deserves serious consideration, but I do not care to express an opinion just now. On the other hand, however, for what President Eliot says on that or any other subject."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

EVENTS TO-DAY.

St. John's Circle, King's Daughters, meets with Mrs. W. A. Chestnut at 4:30 P. M.

Mrs. Elva Staples Lougee lectures on "Goethe" at Woman's Club.

Meeting of Woman's Auxiliary Hospitality Committee of the Episcopal church, at noon to-day in Grace Episcopal Church.

Miss Spindle Entertains.

Miss Mary Lee Spindle entertained at cards Friday evening in celebration of her birthday. Her guests were the gams, and the prizes were won by Miss Grace Gilman, Mr. Hunter Phillips and Miss Louise Frischhorn.

Delicious refreshments were served after the game.

Those present were Miss Katie Lee Hamlin, of Danville, Va.; Misses Agnes Pendleton, Virginia Cudlipp, Adelaide Sutherland, Grace Gilman, Branch and Laura Sutherland, Julia Elyson, Louise Frischhorn, Lucy Throckmorton, Fannie Hillard, Helen Taylor and Lloyd Spindle, Messrs. Walter Lea, Kendall Ferguson, Elyson Ewell, George Thompson, A. V. Vellford, Sutherland, Samuel Waddell, Hunter Phillips, Luther Throckmorton, Palmer Hundley, Stanley Blanton, Sprunt Wortham, Herbert Taylor, Arthur Gilman, Dr. F. A. Wood and Dr. Cunningham.

Valentine Party.

Miss Mary Celeste Howell, of No. 1925 West Cary Street, entertained a number of her friends at a pretty valentine party on Thursday evening last.

Decorations were appropriate, consisting of red and white ribbons, hearts and Cupids. Delicious refreshments were served.

Those invited were Misses Vadie Johnson, Susie Williams, Kathleen Parsons, Lilla Freddy, Marie Robinson, Mary Pond, Mary and Alice Rutt, Bland Pamplin, Lida Reade, Blanche Cole, Ellen Garland, Gay Powell, Burrows, Miss Pauline Sullivan, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Minnie Vair, of Roanoke, Va.; Messrs. Salvyn Blake, of Urbanna, Va.; Walter Henry and Gentry Calhoun, of Westmoreland county, Va.

In Honor of Miss Shields.

Miss Hattie Shields, of this city, was the guest of honor at a pretty euchre party given Thursday evening last by Miss Bessie Ridley, of Norfolk.

Decorations were in red, and valentines made attractive score cards. Miss Shields received a dainty lace handkerchief as guests' prize.

Whitmore—Branch.

The marriage of Miss Sala T. Branch to Mr. J. Claud Whitmore took place Thursday last in the home of Rev. C. O. Woodward, on Cowardin Avenue, Manchester.

Mr. Whitmore is a prominent business man of Surry county, where he and his bride will make their home.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of Hope-Maury Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, was held on Thursday, when the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Frank Anthony Walke; president, Mrs. Walter H. Doyle; Mrs. Alexander Hart and Miss Urith Green, vice-presidents; Miss Grace Whitehead, recording secretary; Miss Grace Dalton, corresponding secretary; Miss Jennie Brown, treasurer; Miss Evelyn Nimmo, historian, and Miss Harriet Hunter, registrar.

Social Club Meets.

The Highland Park Social Club met on Friday evening at the home of the Misses Huffman, Second Avenue and Burma Street, Highland Park.

Those present were Misses Hazel Jude, Josie and Mary Boothe, Maud Hargrove, Virginia Jones, Addie and Mary Huffman, Virginia Sublett; Messrs. Doran Mitchell, Philip Keppeler, Albert Sublett, Lloyd Waldrop, Wilbur Huffman, L. M. Rose and Norman Smith.

Personal Mention.

Mrs. Floyd Hughes has returned to her home in Norfolk, after a visit to her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. P. Brock.

Mrs. Anderson Smith is the guest of Mrs. B. H. Ware, in West Appomattox, Va.

Miss Grace Dutro, who has been visiting Miss Rosa Smith, has returned to her home in New York.

Rev. Dr. George W. McDaniel will return the latter part of the week from Oak, Fla., after spending two weeks there.

Mrs. George W. Fleming is the guest of Mrs. A. S. Leo, at No. 1821 West Grace Street.

Miss Emma Clarke returned Saturday from a delightful visit to friends in Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lehr were the only Americans present at the last court ball in Dresden, Germany, on Tuesday, February 12th.

Mrs. J. H. Morris, of Roanoke, has entered St. Luke's Hospital for treatment. She was